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Sing!

Sing of our Lord's resurrection,
Sing of our soul's rebirth,
Sing while the currents of springtime
Surge through the dormant earth.

Peace is the message of Easter,
Peace from our risen Lord—
Peace that He left us in parting
Rest can alone afford.

Faith finds in the cross a fortress,
Hope, an abiding stay,
Love—let it glow and illumine
Hearts on this joyful day!

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f You Are Moving to Chicago . . .

hurch members on the move result in problems—
id opportunities. The size of the problems and the
ope of the opportunities are reflected in the fact that
ch year one out of every ten Lutherans in the United
ates moves so far that his local church can no longer
lequately serve him.

Back in the early 1840's, Lutherans moving into Chi-
go faced typical problems and cashed in on opportun-
es. In those days many immigrants of the Lutheran
ith selected the Chicago area as their new home.
he problem? There was no Lutheran church. But,
is was also an opportunity. In 1848 Lake View Lu-
eran Church (now ELC) was organized by Norwe-
an-speaking Lutherans at the home of Jens Kaasa
ar the Chicago River. This was the first Scandi-
vian Lutheran church in Chicagoland, the second
utheran church to herald the dawn of Lutheranism
this strategic area.

Since then immigration of Lutheran settlers, prin-
pally from northern Europe, and more recently the
pulation flow from other sections of the nation have
sulted in a steadily mounting Lutheran constituency.
s a result, today Lutherans rank first in number among
Protestants in Chicagoland, with over 300,000 bap-
ed members in 431 Lutheran churches. This places
uarely upon the Lutheran Church the responsibility
accepting for Protestantism the major task of extend-
g the Christian Church in Chicagoland.

Chicago's growth from a wild onion patch to the
tion's second largest center is due, in part, to the
vantages of geography, geology, and climate. In addi-
n, the resourcefulness and determination of people
m around the world have blended to give Chicago-
id a dynamic vitality that finds its expression in build-
g and rebuilding, in dreaming, planning, and acting.
ie influence of the Christian Church is essential in
der that this power may more and more be chan-
led into constructive and wholesome pursuits.

Just as there were problems for the settlers in the
30's, there are problems for those who are moving
o Chicagoland today. There is the problem of find-
g a new church home. That this is a problem is
ested to by the fact that local church surveys reveal
surprising number of one-time Lutherans who, during the transition from another area, have somehow failed to become members of a church in their new home. Because of this, and because of numerous other questions that arise in the minds of those planning to move to Chicagoland, the Lutheran Council of Greater Chicago, through its Referral Committee, has developed a "Chicagoland Kit," available upon request.

This Kit is offered as a supplemental aid to the already existing transfer service of the various synodical bodies. It contains a map of Chicagoland showing the location and synodical identification of Lutheran churches. Shown on the map, also, are the various railroads supplying commuter service. Additional transportation helps are a listing of the number of train arrivals and departures for the respective railroads. A current CTA directory rounds out the information with respect to public transportation. Also in the Kit is a directory of realtors whose names have been supplied by Lutheran pastors. These are listed according to areas and may offer points of contact for those interested in renting, buying, or building.

While most breadwinners moving to Chicago have secured jobs in advance of their coming, other members of the family may wish assistance in seeking a job. The Council is in a position to offer some contacts.

Harold Gulliksen, who serves as Placement Director for the Chicago Circuit of the ELC, has served as chairman of the Referral Committee and has participated actively in the preparation of the Kit. Mr. Arthur Christenson, national director of the Placement Service, was present at preliminary meetings of the committee and took part in the initial planning. Also serving on the committee were Gerald Franzen (AUG), Wendell Nelson (ALC), Orval Larson (ULCA), and Arthur Maina (MO.).

Coming to Chicago? If you are, and if you believe the Chicagoland Kit can be of special help to you in planning for your new life in this crossroads of the nation, you are invited to write for one. Write to the Lutheran Council of Greater Chicago, 343 South Dearborn Street, Chicago 4, Illinois.

Thank God for Deaconesses

George C. Str

Deaconesses at Zion Lutheran Church Clear Lake, Iowa, are from left to ri Mrs. Tillie Wohler, Mrs. Hans Henrik Mrs. J. B. Osnes, Mrs. Peter Miller, Mrs. Oscar Lomen.

We are happy for the steps taken by the General Convention of 1954 to provide for the training of deaconesses for our Church. However, our congregation, as well as a number of others, already have deaconesses! They are not trained academically for this specific work, yet they do work in the congregation which is of tremendous importance for the Kingdom. We feel that the training of the deaconess in our ELC should progress without delay. However, until the time comes when congregations can obtain such workers, the need can be partially filled through a plan such as Zion Lutheran of Clear Lake, Iowa, follows.

This congregation has five deaconesses who are appointed by the Board of Deacons. Usually they appoint two new members each year. These are busy women. They are usually leaders in the church and the community, with a deep concern for souls. The group meets every Friday morning from 9:00 until 12:00 for discussion, Bible study, and prayer. The needs of members of our congregation and of those outside the Church are discussed, whether the need be for a pair of shoes for a child, a visit to a shut-in or someone who is alone and lonely. Above all, the concern is for a soul struggling in sin without God.

This group of women prepare a Bible study for the Ladies' Aid circles that meet each month. The Ladies' Aid uses the studies prepared by the WMF for their monthly meetings. For four weeks they work at one study which usually covers two chapters. They have been studying the Old Testament for about nine years. Their study then is mimeographed and a copy given to each circle study leader each month. Circle members come to their circles with their Bibles and spend a most profitable period in the Bible study as prepared by the deaconesses.

This group of women will drop their work whenever they are called upon by the pastors for help. The call may be to visit an old person who is dying, to help nurse when a nurse cannot be obtained or afforded, to take care of the home, and to pray. Or, if a young mother is left with five small children, our deaconesses step in, obtain clothing and food, provide refrigerator, stove, and furniture through the Church and the community for the young mother, see that the children are baptized and those old enough enrolled in Sunday school. Then, p with the young mother! The pas has another in need who would t much of his time. A phone call, a soon one of the deaconesses com She enlists the aid of another deac ess, makes a trip of 130 miles t hospital, takes care of a child wh the mother is away for two weeks, a prays for the family.

In other words, these deaconesses, though not trained in a college or c secrated by vows, fill a real need the congregation. Their consecrat and devotion to their tasks is an spiration to the pastors and to the c gregation. Although busy with erra of mercy, their greatest work is pray They spend much time in prayer the members of the congregations, special ones who face grave proble and for the work of their pastors. M burdens have been lifted and diffi ties eased because of their prayers

Yes, thank God for our deacones The Kingdom work in this congre tion has gone forward at a more ra pace because God has mightily u our faithful deaconesses.

Awards and Scholarships for Leaguers

Carroll Luther Hinderlie
Youth Director

An anonymous autobiography at a Luther League Leadership School states that the author was graduating from high school this spring. "I have prayed and prayed, but without much hope, that I might be permitted to go to a church college. Even if my parents could afford to send me, they are not friendly to the Church. I pray that God may open some door for me that I may serve Him better."

God has opened the door for that girl and for others like her. A girl from a mining community stopped me this week at a youth rally in her church. "I'm studying to be a business college this year. I want to be a parish secretary, and I wish there were some way I could take two years in the parish worker program at a church college." I could tell her there is now a way.

The day is fast approaching when we can say that no youth in any ELC parish is hindered from developing the full potential of his or her God-given gifts by anything except lack of faith. For the Lutheran Education Aid Fund is making this possible in a number of parishes. This program will now be supplemented through the International Young People's Luther League due to two grants of scholarship funds.

The Lutheran Brotherhood Life Insurance Society will give 29 scholarships of $150 each through the Luther League of The Evangelical Lutheran Church. Dr. Orville Dahl, Mr. Loren Ness, and the Youth Director, will be the scholarship committee. Application blanks are available from the Young People's Luther League at 422 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis 15, Minnesota.

Another $4,250 will be given in 1955, and an equal amount in 1956, through funds made available by the Women's Missionary Federation. Leaguers can nominate any number from their group, subject to approval of the pastor and the Board of Deacons, to make application for these LEAF scholarships to colleges of the ELC. The regular LEAF application blank will be used, obtainable from your pastor. The committee on selections will consist of Dr. Orville Dahl, Mrs. Oscar Brandt, Miss Alice Sanne, Miss Eleanor Bjorkman, and the Youth Director. All of our colleges will add 25 per cent for the LEAF scholarship award when the student returns for the sophomore year.

Applications must be sent to the Luther League office by May 15. Awards will be made at the International Young People's Luther League Convention in San Francisco, June 21-26, to all school scholarship winners present there.

It is hoped that these awards will stimulate every parish to begin its own local LEAF scholarship funds. Leagues using the YES plan (Youth Education in Stewardship), contribute a portion of their budget, as this item fits on both sides of their fifty-fifty budget (half for local work, half for "others"). LEAF strengthens our Christian colleges as it aids the local parish by inspiring every youth with college potential to dare to believe a college education is in God's plan for him.

Another area of Satan's kingdom of darkness and despair is being conquered as these new funds permit fifty more youth to attend our church colleges next fall.

"On to San Francisco"

Travel plans for the convention of the Luther League in San Francisco June 21-26 seem to be "popping out all over." We have scarcely visited a church the past six weeks where some announcement was not made about how the young folks are going to travel to the convention: by car, and bus, and rail, and air.

True to its usual policy, LUTHERAN HERALD is happy to be the vehicle to bring specific information concerning means of travel and special trips which are being arranged. This offer is made to all public transportation media.

Thus far we have received information from only one source. That information is the following, quoted exactly as received:

"The Northern Pacific has made special arrangements for reserved seats on the Vista Dome North Coast Limited leaving Chicago and the Twin Cities on June 18. Earlier departures may be arranged. Stopovers at points of interest in the scenic Pacific Northwest will add much to the educational value of your trip. Return trips are optional.

"Special tours are being arranged by Hi Stenberg leaving Chicago June 12, the Twin Cities June 13, and include many important stopovers including luncheon at Pacific Lutheran College at Parkland, Washington. A postcard to Hi Stenberg, Minnehaha Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, or to any Northern Pacific agent will bring you descriptive folders.

We would like to encourage others who have something good to offer in the way of transportation to the convention to use our columns to tell the young people about it.

"Not Here" —Therefore "Here"

AN EASTER MEDITATION

The Editor

How strange it is that the most *living* story in all the world had its beginning in a place dedicated to the dead; in a cemetery, in a graveyard. More final words cannot be spoken than those of the Committal Service: "Out of dust art thou taken, to dust thou returnest." More final sounds cannot be heard by human ears than the sound of clods of earth falling on the box that contains all that is mortal of one we have loved. No longer or sadder walk can we take than the first dozen steps that lead us away from that newly dug and still more newly filled grave.

Dress it up as you will and make it beautiful as you can. Make the casket of bronze or of steel and line it with the loveliest of fabrics. Seal it in a water-proof vault. Cover the unsightly, piled up earth with the green of artificial grass and surmount that with sweet-smelling, beautiful flowers. Let there be music by trained singers and the sonorous voice of a sympathetic minister. Yet the cemetery remains the resting place of those from whom life has gone, and the grave is still the symbol men's mortality, the place of buried love and hope.

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". . . and laid Him in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever y been laid."

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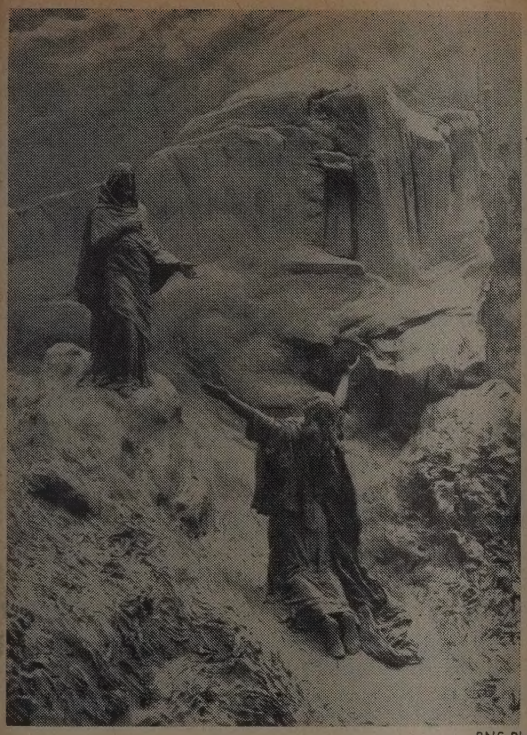
"He is not here; for He is risen, as He said."

It was all that for those who had loved Jesus. As t sun went down that fateful Friday and the shadov lengthened across the door of the tomb in Josepl garden, they knew all the sad feelings that we knc when we leave a loved one behind. Mary the moth and Mary Magdalene, John the faithful and Peter t denier—all of them; the dusk of the garden was nothing compared with the gloom of their sad hear

"Where is Jesus?" "Here"—and they pointed to t tomb. "Jesus is here, in this tomb, in the abode of t dead, in the place of vanished hopes. Here. Jesus here. Jesus is dead." Thus on the eve He died.

Thus also through the sleepless hours of that nig Thus on through the halting, dragging length of S urday, when seconds seemed minutes, minutes hou and the daytime an eternity. Thus on through t second night, sleepless as the first. Thus on into t dawning of the third day—the first day of the wee "Here. See here. Here is the grave, the tomb. See he That is where we laid Him. Jesus is here. Jesus is dea

But is He? Is He here? Is He dead? Someone sa "No." Someone from heaven, a messenger from Gc "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus w



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Mary Magdalene went and said to the disciples, 'I have seen the rd.' "

as crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He id. Come, see the place where He lay." That message me to the women whose loving hearts had led them the garden in order that loving hands might care r His helpless body. It came to Peter and John. Later came to all the disciples. And finally it came to the orld. "Look! See! Understand! Not here! He is not re."

"Not here." What does that mean? How can that be? means that at long last One has appeared who is onger than death, One who holds in His hands the y to eternal life. It means that what Jesus had said— d His disciples had failed to understand—about res- rection, is proved to be literally true. "Not here." here, then? Risen from the dead; living among the ing.

"Not here." Where, then? We ask it again. Therefore Here." And Here, and Here, and Here. Everywhere. Because I live, ye shall live also." "And, lo, I am with u always."

sus is Here; that, in briefest compass, is the message Easter; that is the meaning of Resurrection.

And where is "Here"? At the dawn of life "Here" the baptismal font: "Blessed be the God and Father our Lord Jesus Christ who according to His abun- nt mercy hath begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." Were not Jesus Here, baptism would be meaningless. His presence Here places the infant feet upon the guided Way, lays the infant hand in the Savior Hand.

So on through life. Are there temptations? He is Here, mighty to strengthen. Are there sins? He is Here, compassionate to pardon. Is there joy, success? He is Here to sanctify them. Is there sorrow, are there burdens, difficulties, failures? He is Here to comfort and to help.

Thus through the hours of the day, from the rising of the sun to its setting; through the long night watches, too—He is Here. In childhood, youth, and middle years; on toward the twilight, when the steps become slower and the shoulders stoop—He, the risen Lord, is Here.

And finally to the place of the graves and the tombs, to the place where the dead lie. Back to the scene where the resurrection story began, back to the place where the angel said, "He is not here." Now He is here again, because now here is Here. Not now to be laid away. Now to hallow my grave and yours, to make it a prelude to our resurrection, the gateway to eternal life.

"Not here"—not dead; living, triumphant. Therefore "Here"—in the lives of men. His abiding Presence. That is Easter's message.

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"Not Here". . . Therefore "Here."

Fortnightly Review

Fredrik A. Schiotz
President, ELC

Late Friday afternoon, March 4, the ELC Church Council adjourned its annual meeting. This announcement may prompt the query: What is the business of the Church Council?

The constitution assigns to the Church Council the following responsibilities:

"The Church Council shall:

"(a) determine matters referred to it by the Church or by the districts;

"(b) enforce the actions of the Church and promote the attainment of its objectives;

"(c) inspect the educational institutions of the Church in accordance with their respective constitutions and instructions by the Church;

"(d) assure themselves that candidates for the ministry are rightly called and examined and possess satisfactory testimony for true and living Christianity;

"(e) interview pastors who apply for admission to the Church and report thereon, and

"(f) mediate in disputes when such service is requested after the mediation of a president has proved to be ineffectual."

The membership of the Council is made up of the general president, the ten district presidents, and one layman from each district; which makes a total of 21. This year the officers of the Church (the vice presidents, the general secretary, and the treasurer) were invited to sit with the Council in order that they might be better informed on Church Council policy and decisions. Normally the Council meets once a year.

The College of District Presidents serves as a subcommittee of the Council responsible for issues that concern the Clergy of the Church. The greater part of a week was consumed by the district presidents in personal interviews with the 80 members of Luther Theological Seminary's senior class. In this colloquium, as these interviews are called, not too much attention is devoted to the theological studies that have been a student concern during the three years at the seminary. To test the class in this area is a faculty responsibility. The colloquium questions are more likely to concern the student's life of faith, his attitude to the work and problems of the parish, his economic circumstances, etc. When these personal interviews were completed, the reaction of the district presidents could best be put in the words, "God has been good to our Church."

A week of meetings for the entire Church Council followed the sessions of the district presidents. Several times during the week I caught myself quietly thanking God for the caliber of laymen He has given u on the Council. They participated in discussion freel showed ability and good, Christian judgment in wh they said, and gave every evidence of being men wh are dedicated to the King's business.

Two of the five days the Council was in sessio were invested in joint meetings with the Board Trustees. Reports were made by the church officers an the executive secretaries of departments and auxiliar organizations, after which the Council had an oppo tunity to ask questions. Physically it was an ordeal t listen to twenty reports in a very close-knit time sche ule. Nevertheless, none of the Councilmen will den that the good stewardship which was reflected in th reports gave our spirits a lift that far outweighed th weariness of the body.

One afternoon and evening session was devoted to joint meeting with the Trustees and Board of Educatio to consider the University Concept as a plan of organ zation for our higher educational institutions. The pla has been prepared by Dr. Orville Dahl, executive secr tary of the Board's Division of Higher Education, an endorsed by the Board. It was given this hearing the request of the California District. At the conclusio of the evening session, the following motion was passe as a registration of reaction to the presentation of th discussion which it provoked:

"Since it is the consensus of this group that th University idea has great merit and should be give further consideration, we ask the Board of Educatio together with Dr. Orville Dahl to spell out the pla more completely and ask that it be given a hearing i many circles in the months ahead."

Other sessions of the Council devoted time to res lutions that had come from the annual meeting of th National Lutheran Council, the proposed Californ College project, a report by our representatives on th inter-synodical hymnal commission, and a number miscellaneous issues concerning the life and work our parishes and our pastors. The entire Council w disappointed to learn that the new hymnal which w had expected might be available in 1955 will not b ready this year.

This review can close in no more fitting way tha to express to our congregations and pastors, to th district presidents, and to Dr. Raymond Olson and h staff of Stewardship Department workers a hear thanks for the worthy record that was realized in th 1954 benevolence and Lutheran World Action ingat ering. But no thanks from the president's office mu obscure the more basic satisfaction that comes fro knowing that through our gifts we have stood besi our Lord sharing His "compassion for the multitudes

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Easter Dawn

When darkness descended
The Sabbath drew on,
The trial was ended—
The Sanhedrin had won.

And the hands swift to heal
A pain-fevered brow
In a silent appeal
On the cross had hung now.

And the crown was of thorn
When in grieving and gloom
He was lowered and borne
From the cross to the tomb.

And with cleansed Magdalene
Sadly women had gone
To the garden serene,
To anoint Him at dawn.

But the tomb which by sword
Of the guard had been kept
Revealed not the Lord,
And Magdalene wept.

For the soldiers had fled
From the cave's darkened prison
When an angel had said,
"Behold! He is risen!"

Thus He came from above
A lost world to save
And redeem by a love
That transcended the grave!

E. T. Homme

New Tomb

New tomb painted with lime,
your lips all stuffed with stone;
housing incense and nard, winding clothes,
and dust from the stone mason's hammer;
You make secret with your Treasure.

But wading through the granite storm,
the Well-Beloved comes alive.
Dawn's bright angel rolls the stone away
and exulting emptiness echoes in triumph.

As He breathes every leaf trembles
and all life flutters on the drummer wind.
Firing every hope, He showers death to oblivion.

Open throated and full of melody,
His grave sings.

Maynard E. Stokka

Security

I thank Thee for the Blood of Calvary,
That covers all with healing waves of love;
Accepted, I have strength to meet the day
of darkness, pain, and fear.
I do not seek to understand
In man's own reasoning way;
For surely man is only dust,
But God is Spirit, and His Word,
It shall not pass away.

Myra Johannesen

"Then He said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory?" (St. Luke 24:25-26).

Cleopas and I

Martha J. Stolee

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We walked to Emmaus, we two, that lonely day;
We had no errand there, we chanced to go that way.
Bewildered, insecure, we sought a place apart,
For we were numb with grief and heaviness of heart.

And as we journeyed sadly mile on mile,
A stranger came and walked with us a while.
The presence of a stranger, fear begot—
Our eyes were holden that we knew him not—
And so we stayed our pace that he might pass us by,
Instead, he questioned us and we must needs reply.

"Your countenance is sad, why are ye so distressed?"
Such were the greeting words with which he us addressed.
Gave answer Cleopas, "Because of all the things
That now have come to pass, these dreadful happenings."
"What things?" said he. It seemed he had not heard.
We were amazed—this day was now the third.
"Hast thou not known," we said, "hast thou not heard of them?
Art thou alone a stranger in Jerusalem!"

But then it came to pass as we walked side by side,
We sensed we'd found a friend in whom we could confide.
Somehow, it seemed to give our burdened hearts relief
To talk to him about our sadness and our grief.

"We sorrow for our Master, He from Nazareth.
The chief priests and the rulers sentenced Him to death.
They scourged Him, and they mocked Him, nailed Him to the tree—
We witnessed from afar His cruel agony."
(Ashamed to tell him of our cowardly disgrace
That 'neath the cross, that day, we did not take our place.
The Marys, they were there, as was beloved John,
But only from afar had we two gazed thereon.)

"He died. Our Master died. They laid Him in a grave.
He many others saved; Himself He could not save.
And now we are confused—we cannot understand.
Despondency has scattered many of our band.
For we had trusted that He was the Son of God;
That He would free His people from the Roman rod.
Yea, almost to the last, out there on Calvary,
We held He had the power to step down from the tree.

"Besides all this, disturbing rumors there have been;
Some even seem to think that visions have been seen.
Those who went out at dawn, found but the empty grave,
And one who looked within saw angels in the cave.
But now, the very latest we have heard
Is that all this is naught but idle word."

The stranger sadly spake, "O fools, and slow of heart
To understand and see what Scriptures do impart!"
His words fell like a lash on Cleopas and me;
Yet, like a healing balm we felt his sympathy.
"To suffer all these things—so did it Christ behoove;
For this cause came He here—the Father's love to prove."
Then, Moses' and the prophets' word he did unfold:
All this, now come to pass, had been by them foretold.
O, how our hearts did burn while he was speaking thus!
But now we reached the road that enters Emmaus.

The stranger made as though he must needs farther go;
We earnestly constrained him not to leave us so.
"The day is now far spent, 'tis almost eventide,
Dear stranger," we implored, "do thou with us abide."

He tarried then. And when we three sat down to sup,
He blessed and brake the bread, then reached he for the cup—
Ah, then the veil was lifted, clearer sight restored,
We saw it was our Master! Recognized our Lord!
'Twas He, had walked and talked with us along the way!
And He, at meat with us now at the close of day!

But then, He vanished. Yet, our hearts were now at ease;
He'd given us assurance, confidence, and peace.
No more uncertainty! He truly was God's Son;
O'er cross and death and grave, He victory had won!
And, praising God, we hastened to reach Jerusalem
To bring to those who mourned the joy we had for them.
He lives! Our Master lives! Eternal joy this gives.
He who was dead arose! OUR RISEN JESUS LIVES!

Eternal Life: Longing and Fulfillment

George A. Buttri

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy hath begott us anew to a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, a undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you (I Peter 1:3-4).

There is no doubt about the longing for eternal life. In Japan a young couple kneel at a graveside to pray to their ancestors. In India a thin corpse is carried to the Ganges, for if the ashes are scattered on the sacred stream it is believed that the man may receive eternal life. In Egypt tombs that were filled with food and clothing that the dead king might need in the next world have a false door through which the soul or *kar* made its journeyings. In the U.S.A.? Skyscraper office-lights are left lit so as to make an immense cross against the night. Corliss Lamont, having written a book to disprove the Christian hope, now edits an anthology of the noblest poems on immortality, his longing being still stronger than his arguments. There is no doubt about the longing.

What of the fulfillment? Only God can give that, for man is born to die, and can no more escape death than he can escape gravitation. God must give the sign. Yet, a sign would not be enough: God must break the prison-wall of our mortality and show us a glimpse of another world, or we cannot gladly believe. The sign of springtime is not enough: it turns to winter. The sign of our own longing is not enough; it could be like a dead child, beautiful but unutterably sad. Besides, every hope in us is beset by as strong a fear. This fear: suppose we are not worth saving; angels must be all out of patience with our present planet. This fear: suppose death is final, as final as it seems, the last breath being the last breath. Only God, from beyond our world, yet within our world, can give fulfillment to our longing. Otherwise we shall long, and fear, with wavering hearts.

"Blessed be God": single out that word! That has the right sound. At least the man is looking in the right direction. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." The man is concentrating now on one fact: Jesus Christ. The mysteries and the merchandise, the prizes and the penalties are pushed aside as of no account. That could make sense. You and I would li to be judged by our best. We would like our neighb to say of some good in us, "That shows his essen character." Perhaps we ought so to judge God—by Je Christ, if any man may dare to judge God. The best explain the worst sometimes, as the miserliness of French village mayor was explained when he will all his money to build a viaduct to bring water wh had long been drought. So if Christ is taken as best clue to God, what seems worst may be explain pain may be needed discipline, and evil could provi choice for the heroic will. But if evil be taken as c how can Christ ever be explained? So it makes se to say, "The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Chris

People think the New Testament is a book of arg ment. They go to it for what they call "an interpre tion of life." It is not that kind of book. It does offer a philosophy, still less bolster up a guess by plausibility. It testifies to an unquenchable joy. T real answer to the idea that the Resurrection story illusion is this: the New Testament sets men free fr illusion. Its writers were under the illusion that Calva was the end, and suddenly God showed them that was not the end. One moment they said sadly: "W trusted this had been He who should have redeem Israel." The next moment they cried aloud: "Bless be God!" The change in them was so complete that th can describe it only as a new birth: "Begotten us anew a living hope." So New Testament men cried when t great Event lifted them from the bondage of earth a time. Why should we think them wrong and oursel right when our poor wisdom has brought our planet the verge of wretched destruction? If their hope is livi we can receive it. So look at it closely—with expectati

"By the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dea single out that word. The faith has so permeated c world, even for those who do not accept it, that it hard for us to realize what a "blessed" revolution brought. We see Good Friday and Easter Sunday as c event, but suppose Good Friday had never ended. Su pose every day to the end of time is Good Friday. P seems a senseless thing. Oscar Wilde once vowed th was enough misery in any London lane to prove th God is not good. Yet when Jesus rose nobody wou have wished that He had died comfortably in His b

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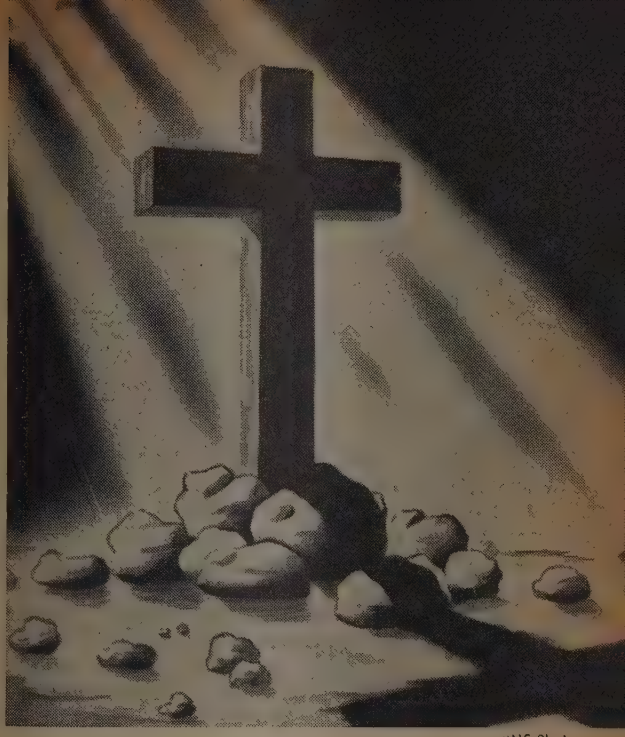
Would anyone covet a sleek Christ with smooth hands nd bland brow? No, He is nobler in His pain, which eans that pain can be the road to nobleness. In Thai-nd I watched men melting silver in a tiny crucible, en shaping the molten silver into a bowl, then ham-ering it and hammering it until Thai figures appeared relief, so that soon it was a thing of loveliness. Men n go through flame and hammering thus, and come om the ordeal wearing some image of Christ. This e know through the Resurrection.

he Resurrection changed death into a "covered way to fe." "It is so final," said a young husband of his wife's eath. So it is, and in that onset every man is helpless. o easy word of easy comfort should be spoken. But hrist never was an easy word: He is a sure word. me may ask if it is right to make Him, one instance, to a universal faith. Why not? He is more than an-her instance. His truth is universal; His love joined im with all mankind. An instance, whether one or any, is better than any argument. A fact is better an the largest web of supposition. An event is better an the shiningest hope. The event happened: out of it as born, "begotten anew," both the New Testament nd the Church. Christ is the opening of the cave of ortality. Through Him we catch a glimpse of a green nd nourished by the "river of life." We cannot see uch, but in Him we see enough. We must live for while in the shadows, not trampling on other people the cave, not grubbing the walls for what we can nd as if we would live here forever; but proving our-lves homelike here until the call comes to go home to at orchard-country and its river.

The Resurrection changed sin into pardon. Men ould never have known death, or never feared it, ut for sin—and the awareness that sin is followed by dgment. Suppose Good Friday *had* been the end. he best would then have been victim of the worst: at would have been the verdict. For Pilate with his eer "What is truth?" and the soldiers with their wan-n sadism against Jesus, were empire at its worst. Annas nd Caiaphas, sending Innocence to His death rather an risk an "incident" or any threat to their temple fice, were the religious community at its worst. The sciples of Jesus, vowing allegiance one moment and e next running from Him at the danger-point, were iendship at its treacherous worst. And the crowd, aping at Him as if at a dog-fight and then going their different way, was public life at its worst. If Calvary ad been the end!

But He met them on the road: "Blessed be God!" hat other exclamation could any man make? You ave read of people dying intentionally or unintention-ly of carbon monoxide gas in a closed auto. Our planet ould have been that car, a messy little vehicle in which



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THE RESURRECTION

"The son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again." Luke 24:7.

people died from their own hateful breath. But God opened the door from the outside, and let in the breeze and sunshine of His world—such sunshine that the Christ who on the Cross prayed "Father, forgive them," is now forever at the right hand of the throne. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!"

But the story cannot end there, or we shall be like people on the very edge of life, yet never stepping over into joy. So single out the other word: "An inheritance for you." An "inheritance": we did not earn it. It is a legacy from God's goodness in Christ. None of us, not all of us together, could have contrived Him who is God's sheer grace. But we can live on our unmerited fortune. Here is a living hope. It is not that poor thing called the "immortality of influence," for influence could not persist if the heart-spring of it runs dry. It is not that poorer thing called the "immortality of the race." What does it matter that a figment called the race should continue if every beating life in it goes to the dust heap? That thin comfort never made any man exclaim, "Blessed be God!" No, a living hope—a hope that is life at fulness of joy and work and friendship, a hope so rich that it is a new birth.

This man tries to describe, though his words fail: "An inheritance incorruptible." There is no smell of dead flowers. The orchard brings forth its fruit every month, says the Book. "An inheritance undefiled." There is no

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A "BETHESDA BY THE SEA"

Magnus A. Dahlen

In the article first introducing the Jeannette Holm Knutson Camp to our Church constituency (LUTHERAN HERALD Oct. 6, 1953) there was expressed the hope that this might truly become a "Bethesda by the Sea."

To hope and dream and pray is one thing. To have hopes realized, dreams come true and prayers answered is another; and this certainly applies to the first year of operation of the Jeannette Holm Knutson Camp.

It was almost beyond expectation that these properties, which were formally presented to the Church in a "deeding service" on August 23, 1953, should be able to be renovated and conditioned for a full summer's program by the middle of June, 1954. Particularly, in view of the fact that on May 2 there were literally inches of snow on the ground, and hammers and saws, plumbers, carpenters and electricians had not gone into operation.

As a starter, in the way of dormitory facilities, the four car garage under the "guest house duplex" was lined with knotty pine and a new front put in. A partition and appropriate room for counsellors was also added. A temporary kitchen and dining room was put up with the result that last summer there were in attendance for one or two weeks at the time, the children from the Lake Park-Wild Rice Children's Home at Fergus Falls, Minnesota, the Nellie Svee Memorial Home at Fargo, North Dakota, the Martin Luther Children's Home at Stoughton, Wisconsin, the Homme Cottage at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, the Beloit Children's Home at Ames, Iowa, and children from the Plymouth Christian Youth Center in Minneapolis.

Mr. Ramon Runkel, a middler at Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, was the Camp's first director. With him were other well chosen and qual-

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The two above photos show the Jeannette Holm Knutson camp. The top photo pictures the view from the heights at the Camp and the bottom picture is of Congressman Knutson's former summer home.

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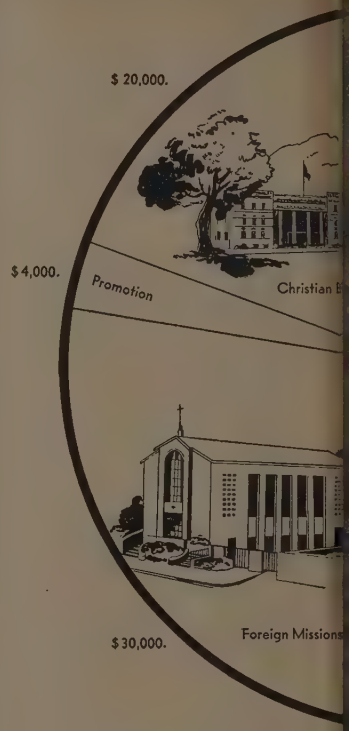

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Our own Bible Camp in Japan is of the missionaries and generous g

About three hours from the city Shizuoka by bus is Umegashima, t site of our Japanese Bible camp. T name means "Island of plums," but is mountain country with no visib islands. The camp itself lies on a lo mountain. On either side is a strea and in the quiet countryside, the on sound is that of the rushing wat Now in winter the surrounding mou tains are brown with white splotches snow here and there. With the comi of spring all will be a fresh green, a in the fall the changing leaves are thousand colors. It is a place thus f little touched by men, and it is qui Here we expect our young people

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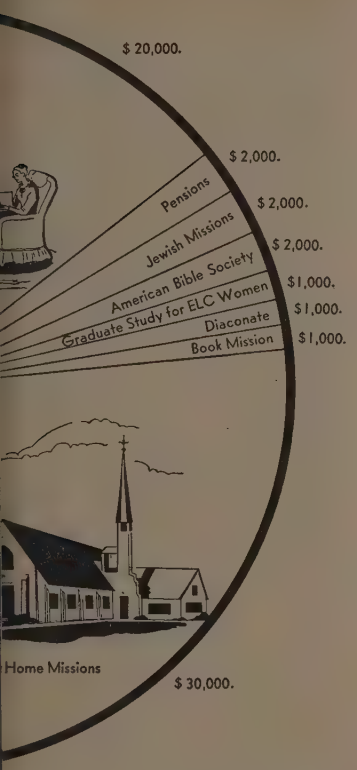

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Russell Sanoden

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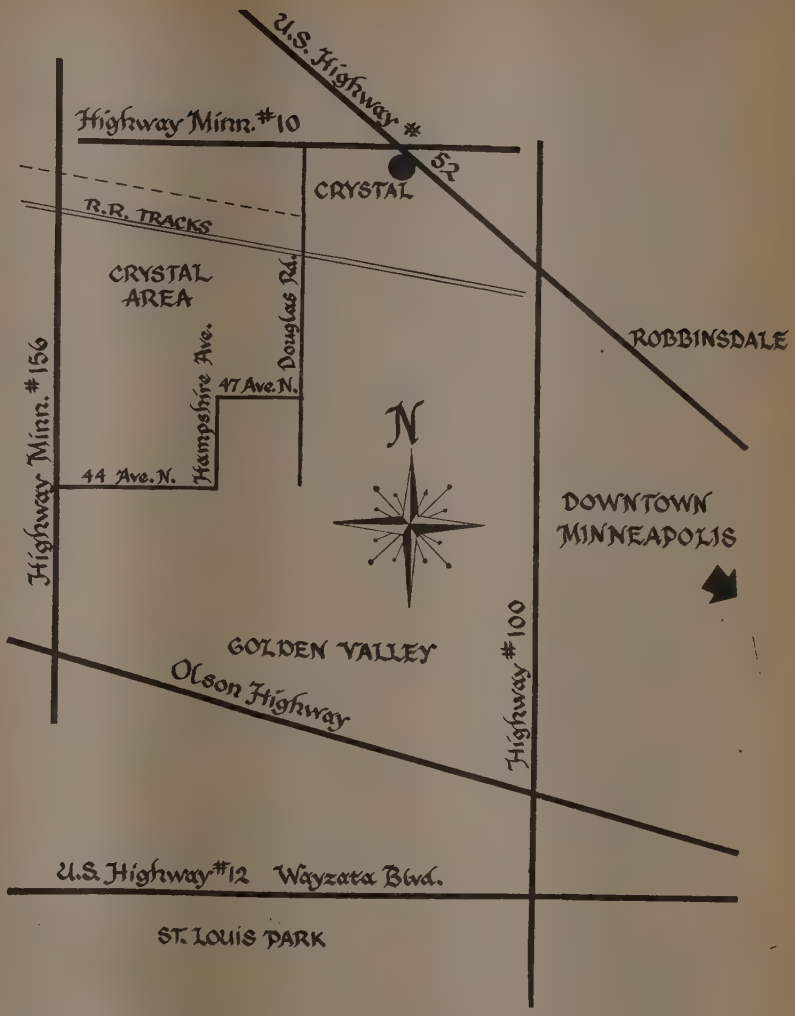
NEW BEGINNINGS: CRYSTAL, MINNEAPOLIS

T. Arnold Thompsen



With the promised help of the Women's Missionary Federation, the Home Mission Department of the ELC voted to begin work this year in Crystal, a suburban community of Minneapolis. The work is to begin as soon as a pastor has accepted the call. During the present biennium the WMF has pledged, through the Life Membership and In Memoriam Department, $30,000.00 to the Church Extension Fund for loans to the new congregation to be located in this area. It will be remembered that during the past biennium, the WMF had a similar interest in the new St. Timothy congregation of Seattle, Washington.

The community to be served is approximately 10 miles northwest of downtown Minneapolis; west of the suburban community known as Robbinsdale. The area is a new section of the growing community of Crystal, with a population of approximately 10,000. No site or parsonage or temporary meeting place has as yet been selected.

A number of families have over the past several years been urging the church to come to Crystal. Those living in the immediate area will be interested in the boundaries determined by the Regional Home Mission Committee. The area is bounded on the East by Douglas Road; on the south by 47th Ave. N. as far west as Hampshire Road, then going south from 47th Ave. N. to 44th Ave. N., then

west to Highway 156 until it crosses the RR tracks, after which the eastern boundary shall be Yukon Ave., on the north by a line half-way between Bass Lake Road and the Soo Line RR tracks.

The new congregation in Crystal will be the ninth new congregation forming a ring of new churches around the Twin Cities. The most recent addition was Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church on the West side of Edina and the Southeast side of Hopkins. All of the new Twin Cities congregations have enjoyed wonderful success. The new Westwood congregation for instance, on the West side of Minneapolis, in its 10th year has grown to a church of 2,000 and is presently building new quarters on a new location.

Anyone desiring further information on the new Crystal congregation should call or write the Home Mission Department, 422 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota. General announcements will be made in local papers when the pastor has accepted the call and the first service is to be held.

Once again we rejoice at the prospect of a new church, for every new congregation means added names in the Lamb's Book of Life. Pray for this venture of Faith! Many WMF'ers will want to visit this new project in which they have such a large and vital part.

A "Bethesda by the Sea"

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ified counsellors from Luther Theological Seminary, from our Church colleges and a senior "recreation major" from the University of Minnesota.

The different children's homes also brought staff members including a superintendent, the matron, the cook and others.

It was an unforgettable experience for all. The devotional periods, the singspirations, the handicraft work periods, the flag raising ceremonies, the swimming, the boating, the fishing, the wiener roasts, and even the K.P. assignments were all high spots throughout the days which passed by altogether too soon.

Here was rest, here was re-creation both to body and soul, such as some of the participants in this program had never experienced before. All this—but a sampling of what is in store for hundreds and hundreds of children during the years because the late congressman Harold Knutson through these magnificent properties (approximating 40 acres of the end of a peninsula) chose to memorialize his mother Jeannette Holm Knutson.

It was so timely and so appropriate that the Women's Missionary Federation in convention during the summer of the camp's first operation should designate as one of its projects during the biennium $10,000, for the larger and permanent kitchen, dining room and assembly room for this "Bethesda by the Sea."

Pilgrims to Minnesota's lake region will this summer want to come by for a visit and get a glimpse of what portends to be a marvelous retreat for just such as Knutson had in mind, "neglected, unfortunate, deprived, a handicapped children."

The location is one that challen the imagination. So far, only the fi chapter has been written, and the l word, of course, we do not expect w be written in our time.

The late Congressman called th his summer retreat, "Dunworkin." who had a part in the project this fi season were all agreed that most propriately it can be called "Fu workin."

The location: go out on the la point at Manhattan Beach, Minnesc which is located thirty miles north Brainerd.

Go to the extreme end of the poi There is planted a cross. You will w to pause too for a moment of than giving, express a hope, daydream little and utter a prayer. You h stood on the place of fulfillment w blessings still to come.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE INSTITUTE

For eight weeks of this coming summer young women who are candidates for the Diaconate will study at the first Christian Service Institute.

These young women have already received the necessary training for their respective avenues of service. They have trained at one of our church colleges, schools of nursing, or other approved institutions. They have recognized God's call to Christian service. They have expressed their desire to serve their Lord through the congregations, hospitals, schools, institutions, or mission fields of our church.

Through application to the Commis-

LUTHER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

sion on the Diaconate they have been accepted to attend the Christian Service Institute, the specialized course of the new deaconess training program.

The Institute, to be held on the campus of Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota will run from June 13 to August 5, 1955.

The classes will include studies Diaconics, Genesis, Romans, The Ev gelical Lutheran Faith, The Evang ical Lutheran Church, The Interp tation and Application of Luther Doctrine, Counseling, and Departme al Studies.

The devotional Bible Study prec ing the classes each morning will conducted by pastors in the Tw Cities area.

Practicums in Christian Service w be conducted during the afternoo with emphasis upon parish and h pital visitation.

There will be periods set aside in t daily program for private devotio prayer groups, study and social fello ship.

The ninth week, from August 1 August 5 will be conducted as a treat for the deaconess candidates. T Colloquium and Consecration Serv will follow this period.

As you have prayed in the past the many areas of Christian Service our church, will you continue to p that out of this new program ma young women may be led to join han in the fellowship of those who ha dedicated their lives to our Lord a to His service.

The Easter Story in Verse

EASTER

This is Easter!
Praise the Master
of the buds
Long hid from sight;
Life is springing, earth is bringing
All its secrets into light.

Bells are ringing, choirs are singing
Of the risen Christ today;
Earth's no prison,
He is risen,
And the stone
Is rolled away;
Death is life
And victory.

All the sages
Of the ages,
Bring no hope
Like Easter Day.
All the horror
All the gloom,
Fades before
The empty tomb.

WILLIAM A. TITUS

OUR LORD IS RISEN

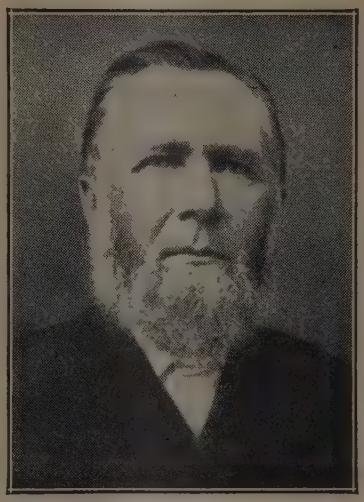
The hearts of Christendom must surely leap
With ecstasy this blessed day of days!
Our Lord is risen! Though the tomb is deep,
We shall not always slumber there! We raise
Our voices in glad song to Christ—dear Name
Of Him men crucified on Calvary!
Our Saviour left fair Heaven's Throne and came
To Earth to give His life for you and me!
Let none forget the promise given Man
That we shall dwell beyond the grave!
Our Lord fulfilled the great Redemptive Plan,
And was our Paschal Lamb who came to save!
Our Lord is risen! This eternal Truth
Is manna for the aged, bread for the youth!

THELMA ALLINDER

A Memorial for Claus Clausen

H. F. Swanse
Dana College, Blair, Ne

On various special anniversary dates in years past, the people of St. Ansgar, Iowa, have fittingly celebrated the arrival of the Clausen caravan, but none of these celebrations has quite equalled the one hundredth anniversary festivities of June, 1953. At other times and in other places Norwegian and Danish immigrants and their descendants have publicly recognized the great achievements of Claus Lauritzen Clausen. But interest in this leader is not confined to the United States. On the island of Ærø, Denmark, Clausen's birthplace, the people have come to realize more and more with the passing of time the true stature of this man. In the fall of 1953 the *Ærø Folkeblad* published serially a translation of my book, *The Founder of St. Ansgar,* a biography of Claus Lauritzen Clausen. At about this time the Rev. Per Lidell of Marstal (Ærø) became actively interested in the Clausen story and turned to the press to spread it as widely as possible in Denmark.



Claus Clausen

As a result of this awakened intere a movement has been launched, und the leadership of Pastor Lidell, to rai money for the erection of a suitab memorial on Ærø. It has been d cided to place the memorial in Tra derup Church which is located som what centrally on the island and, addition, is associated so intimate with the early life of Clausen. Whe I visited Ærø last summer Pastor Lide told me about the project and aske if I would assist in securing contrib tions in the United States. I agreed do this as Pastor Lidell felt that would be difficult, if not impossibl to raise an adequate sum without hel from the outside. If you are intereste in this worthy cause and would ca to support it with a gift, large or smal you may send your contribution to th Rev. Per Lidell, Marstal, Ærø, Den mark, or to me. Anything you ma wish to give will be greatly appreciate

Eternal Life

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smirch of man's wickedness on it, for the Cross gathers in the wickedness as the sky gathers in our chimney smoke. "An inheritance that fadeth not away." There is no wear and waste of time on it, for Christ rules the eternity that flings the shadow called time. Therefore the saints have said: "Everything matters: Nothing matters." Everything matters because everything gives a man a chance to bear witness to Christ: nothing matters because Christ has overcome the world. Therefore a certain Duke of Hamilton, when death approached, called his younger brother to his bedside, and said with a smile: "Soon you will be a duke, and I shall be—a king." That also is in the Book, part and parcel with this man's exclamation: "Jesus Christ, the first begotten of the dead, Who loved us and washed us from our sins by His blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God." This is the wonder of the Christian hope.

If you will believe it! The word means "trust": if you will trust yourself to it. Where has your trust been placed? In the market? It is never sure. In health? It will go. In politics? It is the fitful trouble of fitful men. In human skill and goodness? The present world hardly justifies the faith. It should not be too hard to make a new affirmation: "I believe in Jesus Christ, living, dying, rising." Everything depends on what a man believe

"An inheritance for you": the word almost mean "waiting through ages until you came." Dr. R. W Dale was writing his Easter sermon and having a har time when suddenly he said to himself: "Christ i risen!" You have sung it. Have you said it quietly "Christ is risen. So Christ is here—with me, closer tha my own thoughts"? Claim your inheritance! So believe So pray—now. So live—always to Him. "Blessed be th God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who ha given us new birth into new joy, by the Resurrection o Jesus Christ from the dead, unto an inheritance incor ruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserve in heaven for you."

Ministry of Music

Oscar R. Overby

f there is to be a singing Church of the future, the reat hymns and chorales must be made a vital part f our child and youth training program. As we have aid so frequently, a vital song instruction period in ie Sunday school is a basic need. Junior choir songs vith themes from our hymnody also are helpful in his educational process. There are other ways and ieans. The "hymn of the month" practice has become popular method. A carefully selected number is used onsistently throughout the entire month in services, rganizations, rehearsals, confirmation instruction, and hurch schools. Thus when the month is over the entire ongregation, young and old, should be able to let go nd sing by memory the priceless masterpiece which as been the "theme song." This idea suggests many ariations.

The pastor of two rural congregations recently reorted how they had created their own method. As a art of confirmation instruction, the members of his asses, junior and senior, were asked to take part in a ymn memorizing competition. Yes, a five dollar award as offered to the winner in each division. A list of 5 carefully selected hymns from our standard ELC ymnals was given to each pupil. A certain number f stanzas were specified in each case. The choir director-rganist worked with the pastor in preparing the lists nd supervising the project. The "examination day" as set. There was much interest and not a little excitement when that day of reckoning drew near.

Anticipations had been geared high by those in harge of the contest, but nevertheless they were completely amazed when the oral and written reports were bulated. It was difficult to eliminate anyone in the uizzing tests. A quoted line of text and a melodic otive played on the piano were quickly labeled and he hymn title given in full. To determine winners it ecame necessary to reduce the samples to a mere fraction of a phrase, text and tune. One after another of he pupils would recite, without flaw, entire hymn texts, nd also sing the tunes. They had really digested the st of 25 masterpieces of hymnody. It was a real complishment to win in such a competition. All who ok part, no doubt, will remember those hymns for a ng, long time.

When the dust settled the pastor found some remarkble results. He had a massed chorus of children who ally could sing. They knew every word and note by eart. Scripture lessons were branded on their minds nd hearts for life. A new interest in confirmation inruction took fire. Foundations were laid for choir ork, and for a singing congregation at worship services.

In the Midst

Harold B. Kildahl

THE SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

April 17, 1955

Text: Luke 24:36-43

Have you found it true? That Sunday after Easter is far more important than Easter Sunday itself in the life of the Christian? If you have found it so, we share kindred thoughts and enjoy kindred evaluations. Easter Sunday is the time of great joy and greater hope, both of which find their source and meaning in the resurrected Lord. But the Sunday after Easter, the lingering afterglow of the festival itself, finds its real meaning in the fact that Christ "is in the midst." He will never more leave, never more endure the suffering and sorrow of the cross, nor again be laid in a borrowed tomb. He lives, lives, and shall live, and be found "in the midst."

Christians have that certainty in whatever walk of life they are found. That was certainly true of the Lutheran pastor from the East Zone who spoke to thousands one night near the Stadthalle in Hannover. He had the vitality of one who knows that Christ is "in the midst" as he said: "You can count on us; we will suffer, we will go underground, we will die for the cause of Christ." Those were heroic words, but well founded on the reality of the presence of Christ. That was certainly true of the little lady who had entered the diaconate at an early age and who loved her fellowmen with an earnest love, and who, pointing to her heart, responded to the question of why she had entered the diaconate by replying, "You see, it is in my heart." Those were also heroic words, founded on the fact of the presence of Christ and the assurance that He is "in the midst."

You can live—in joy and hope, certainly, but also in the confidence that Christ is "in the midst." Where Christians gather for worship, there He is; where Christians serve, labor, and love, He is there. At work and at play, in toil and in trouble, in loneliness and in gay moments—all the while, He is there. The Risen Lord is there. It is His presence that hallows the sacred moments of life. What a privilege to carry a little child to the baptismal font and know that Christ is there. What a high privilege to kneel at the altar and know that He is there; to be joined in marriage and gain the blessing of the Church upon it, and know that Christ is also there. Or, what a lightened sadness it is to lay a loved one to rest, knowing that Christ is there. Isn't that what Easter conveys to believing hearts on the Sunday after? It is that certain reality that Christ lives, that He lives and moves among those who love Him and truly worship Him. It is that bold assertion of the believing heart that has echoed around the world: "Because He lives, I too shall live."

Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Hester

TOWARD THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

The Epistle: Hebrews 13:20-21

The Gospel: John 10:1-

Monday, April 18

DON'T MISS IT!

Read Hebrews 4:1-13

Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, that no one fall by the same disobedience.

If there is something we really want, how devoted we can be in our efforts to get it! If a boy wants to "make the team" he will train and practice and do his very best until, at length, he hears the rewarding words, "You're on!" No goal is ever reached by accident. It asks its price. Those who will not pay never reach it.

Entering the "rest" that God has prepared does not come to any one by accident, either. It has been prepared by God, in Christ, and is offered as a free gift, to be sure. But having accepted it, it is up to us it keep it. In other words, more is required of us than just "Thanks." We are reminded that we must strive. This striving is made up of obedience. And if we know the worthiness of the goal, our obedience will be a life of joy devoted to Him who loves us.

Keep the goal before me, O God, that I may be fully obedient to Thee. Amen.

Tuesday, April 19

PORT OF ENTRY

Read John 10:1-10

"I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."

The Kingdom of God is highly desirable, and there are many who wish to come into it. Jesus therefore makes it plain that there is an open door through which any one who wishes may come. He is the Door. But there is only one pathway that leads to it. That is the pathway of need that makes itself known through repentance. Real repentance narrows a person down so that when he looks up he sees before him the Port of Entry that leads to the Kingdom. Then he is ready to enter into that new life that is experienced only by those who live with God.

And a new life it is! "I am come that they may have life," says Jesus, "and have it more abundantly." As one of His sheep, I also have this blessing. I am saved; and I graze in the rich pastures of His abounding grace.

Keep me ever within Thy Kingdom, O Jesus, that I may have the abundant life. Amen.

Wednesday, April 20

THE SHEPHERD

Read Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall n want. . . .

Not all of us live as close to sheep did the people in the days when t psalm came into being. But the beauti imagery still brings to us a meaning picture of Christ the Good Shepherd. does not argue the point, it merely t it, and we are ready to believe it. *know* that this Shepherd has a great c for each of us, and there is the assura that with Him all is well. Indeed, I sh not want for anything.

I have no idea what sort of day I ha before me, and I do not know what t morrow will bring. But my Shepherd do And that's all that matters. He is equal any situation so long as I say, "He Lord, you take over; you are able." N only in little situations, but in big o also, this is true. And it extends beyo this life. For this is the only Shephe who has power in life and in eternity.

Thanks for Thy loving care, O Jes

Thursday, April 21

STAY IN LOVE

Read Revelation 2:1-5

Remember then from what you have fallen, repent and do the works you did at first.

The Church in Ephesus had several good things to its credit, but one thing was wrong: it had cooled off. At first it was filled with the warmth of a new love. There was zeal, and all the members were showing it by the way they worked for the Church and the Kingdom. They were in love with the new life given them in Christ.

But now it was different. They were told, "You have abandoned the love you had at first."

That is what we have to watch. The danger in being a church member is that we tend to cool off, we lose our zeal. Things that used to consume our interest don't affect us just the same any more. When we start to "yawn" at Christianity we are in trouble. God told the Ephesians that unless they got back to their first love they would lose what they had.

We pray, O God, that our love for Thee, and our concern for the Church, will be kept workingly warm and alive.

Friday, April 22

GOOD FISHING

Read John 21:1-14

So they cast it; and now they were not able to haul it in, for the quantity of fish.

One of the reasons why we may believe in Jesus, and trust Him, is that He proves Himself to those who are obedient to Him. In the disturbing days after the resurrection, Jesus proved Himself to the disciples by means of this miracle. They had fished where there were no fish. At least it seemed so, because they had been at it all night. Jesus came and told them to try the other side of the boat. They did, and they were surprized at the large catch. And Peter said, "It is the Lord." The Miracle Worker restored the faith of His own disciples.

God not only asks us to depend on Him, but He also is anxious that we try Him. If we will venture in faith He will always hold up His end of the promise. If I will keep faith when doubt says I should give it up, the Lord will give me the stronger faith I need.

Help me to trust Thee always, O God, that I may lean only upon Thee. Amen.

Saturday, April 23

CLEAN CLOTHES

Read Isaiah 61:10-11

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord . for he has clothed me with the garmen of salvation, he has covered me with robe of righteousness.

Isaiah uses picture language to say th God's salvation dresses us in clothin That means that God does not see sinfulness of the one who believes in Hi He sees the robe of righteousness that been put on the sinner. The righteousn earned by the sinless life of the Savior the garment of salvation with which believer is clothed.

Much clothing is used in life to co sin. There is the garment of excuses, suit of good works, the robe of ignoran the cloak of unbelief. But none of th hide anything from the holy eyes of G Only the clean clothes of His salvati will do. And these are the garments wo by those who one day will walk w God in white. It's good to be clean way God makes you clean!

I greatly rejoice in Thee, O Lord, the salvation Thou hast prepared. Am

chools and Colleges

Edited by the Division of Higher Education

HOLARSHIPS MADE AVAILABLE WMF AND LUTHERAN DTHERHOOD

iolarships to ELC colleges, totaling 500, will be awarded this year ough the Young People's Luther gue from funds provided by the men's Missionary Federation and heran Brotherhood Insurance Com- y.

rom $20,000 supplied by the WMF he Lutheran Educational Aid Fund EAF), $4,250 will be made available ough the Luther League in 1955 h a similar amount allocated for 6. These scholarships will apply on freshman year at any of the six eges of the ELC. An amount equiv- t to 25 per cent of the LEAF schol- ip will be awarded to the student the college when he returns for his homore year.

Twenty-nine Lutheran Brotherhood gh School Youth Scholarships of 0 each will be awarded this year . They will be valid for three years r issue, however, and will be hon- d by the colleges of the ELC. A mittee consisting of Dr. Orville il, Mr. Loren Ness, and the Rev. roll Hinderlie will judge the ap- ations.

The committee named to award the AF scholarships consists of Dr. Or- e Dahl, Mrs. Oscar Branstad, Miss e Sanne, Miss Eleanor Bjorkman, the Rev. Carroll Hinderlie.

Nominations for all of these schol- ips must be made by local Leagues. ere is no limit to the number of sons a League may nominate, but inees must either be seniors in high ool or young persons who are work- but would like to attend a Chris- college.

cholarship winners who attend the rnational Young People's Luther gue convention at San Francisco, e 21-26, will receive their awards re.

y May 15, all applications must e been received by the Luther gue office, 422 South Fifth Street, neapolis 15, Minnesota. Application blanks for the Lutheran Brotherhood awards may be had from the League office. Nominations for the LEAF awards are to be made on LEAF applications obtainable from the League office or the Division of Higher Education, 422 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis 15, Minnesota.

ELEVEN SENIORS TO GRADUATE WITH HONORS AT AUGUSTANA

Eleven seniors will graduate with honor distinctions at Augustana College.

Delores Jerde, Spearfish, S. Dak., will graduate with summa cum laude distinction. Receiving magna cum laude degrees will be Ardyce Hemmingson, Kadoka, S. Dak.; Connie Balcom, Marshall, Minnesota, and Jackie Nommensen, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

The following will be given cum laude honors: Carvel Johnson, Rutland, S. Dak.; Roger Knudson and Harriet Miller Goldstein, Sioux Falls; Ruby Koehn, Howard, S. Dak.; Dick Schuster, Valley Springs, S. Dak.; Marjorie Swanson, Colton, S. Dak.; and J. D. Thompson, Letcher, S. Dak.

To receive the summa honor a student must have a 2.8 grade point average. Magna distinction requires a 2.5 average and the cum laude 2.1.

WAYNE TELLEKSON VOTED STUDENT BODY PREXY AT ST. OLAF

Student balloting named the 1955-56 student government leaders at St. Olaf College recently. A slate of four junior officers included president elect Wayne Tellekson of Green Bay, Wis., who gained his victory over another Wisconsin man, Bruce Moe of Janesville.

Other student body officers who took over their duties at installation ceremonies March 24 are: vice president, David L. Anderson of Sioux City, Iowa; secretary, Mary Wisbroecker of Eau Claire, Wis.; and treasurer, Chuck Hillstrom of Harbert, Mich.

Seventy-nine per cent of the St. Olaf student body balloted in the student government elections.

ST. MATTHEW PASSION PRESENTED AT AUGUSTANA COLLEGE

The Passion According to St. Matthew by Johann Sebastian Bach was presented on the Augustana Campus on March 27. This annual Lenten presentation was given by the Augustana Choir, the chapel choir, and various church choirs in the city of Sioux Falls, and was directed by Dr. Arnold J. Running.

Tenor soloist for the part of the Evangelist, was Wendell Buckley, member of the faculty at Concordia College. David Murray of the Augustana music faculty was the featured baritone soloist.

Soloists were accompanied by the Town and Gown symphony orchestra of Augustana College.

KRISTMENN MALE CHORUS ORGANIZED AT ST. OLAF COLLEGE

A new men's chorus joined the ranks of singing groups on the St. Olaf College campus at Northfield this year. The group, the Kristmenn Male Chorus, is under the direction of Sigurd Fredrickson, who for the past few years, has conducted the St. Olaf Chapel Choir.

The director, prior to joining the St. Olaf faculty in 1947, studied music at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., and at the same time gained distinction as an oratorio and recital singer in the Chicago area. At one time he directed the Orphei Singing Club of Chicago and in 1946 accompanied the Svithiod Male Chorus of Chicago on its Scandinavian tour. Fredrickson was also soloist with the Army Air Force Orchestra and Chorus while those groups were on Victory Bond tours during World War II.

The Kristmenn Male Chorus is making its first annual tour this spring with concerts scheduled in southern Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Iowa during Holy Week and a few days after Easter Sunday.

Here and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M. Ol

SWISS PRAISE U.S. RELIGIOUS FILMS

Recent showings in Switzerland of several American religious motion pictures has brought praise from Protestant Life, leading church weekly. Particularly commended were two films produced by the Moody Bible Institute, "God of Creation" and "Dust of Destiny."

"At a time when criticism of the mediocre quality of films generally released for public showing is increasing on all sides," the Protestant weekly said, "it is gratifying to draw public attention to a series of noteworthy ones which have just come from the United States. These films, most of which are in color, deal with the problems of evangelism and the need of missionary work in an entertaining and instructive manner. We can be grateful to the Moody Institute and other Protestant organizations which have invested large sums in this good cause."

EKID ASKS END OF PARTITION

The Synod of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID) adopted a resolution at its recent meeting urging the great powers to end Germany's partition and make it possible for Germans to live united in freedom. The action, which asked Christians to pray and work for peace, stressed that the Church could not outline a political course that would guarantee reunification.

The Synod warned that political views must not be proclaimed as divine truth and that the sincerity of people who hold differing opinions ought not to be questioned. "No Christian will be denied the right to raise his voice publicly out of political responsibility," it said, "but pastors, as servants of God's Word, should be aware of their position and refrain from causing annoyance by mixing divine and human speech. Together with all Christians in the world, the Synod feels summoned to the task of promoting peace and abhors the idea that present tensions can be solved by war."

CAPITOL PRAYER ROOM

RNS Photo

The recently-completed prayer room just off the central rotunda on the House side of the Capitol in Washington, D.C., was opened for two days to newsmen and the general public. The room is the first of its kind in the history of Congress. It will be open every day Congress is in session for the exclusive use of its members. It measures nearly 20 feet square, with a dozen leather chairs, a simple altar and a beautiful stained glass window, showing George Washington kneeling in prayer. An American flag, symbol of religious liberty in this country, is given a place of honor at the right side of the altar. No symbols distinctive of any one faith are in the room, but a copy of the Bible, lying opened to the 23rd Psalm, is on the center of the altar.

73 PER CENT INCREASE IN OBSCENE LITERATURE CASES

Cases involving the mailing of obscene matter increased 73 per cent during the past year. This was the report of Abe McGregor Goff, a Post Office official, to the House Appropriations Committee as he urged the passage of pending legislation which would give the Postmaster General broader authority to stop the mailing of indecent matter.

Explaining the problem faced by federal authorities in coping with such publications, Mr. Goff said: "We are required to act under the Administrative Procedures Act and a hearing must be given before these matters are excluded from the mails. It takes time to hold a hearing. The respondent is entitled to an attorney and to a hearing before a hearing officer. We have two hearing examiners in the Departm They are officials who take the posit of a Judge and who have complete dependence of action. Where they is an exclusion order, the respondent the right to appeal to the courts. always have 12 to 15 suits pending district courts across the coun brought against the Postmaster Gen for a review."

CHURCH OF HOLY SEPULCHR TO BE REPAIRED

Reconstruction of the historic Chu of the Holy Sepulchre sheltering traditional site of the tomb of Ch in Jerusalem's Old City will cost estimated $2,000,000. This was the formation given to the three Jerusal Patriarchates that share the admi tration of the shrine, by Jordanian g ernment officials. The structure, seve ly damaged by earthquake in 1927 a again by fire in 1949, has been ac tionally shaken by unusually he rains this winter.

The Jordanian officials said costs the large-scale reconstruction will h to be borne by the administering Pa archates. They are the Greek Orthod the Roman Catholic and the Armen Orthodox. Ethiopian Coptic, Egypt Coptic and Syrian Orthodox gro occupy and control some of the sm interior sections of the church. T Armenian Patriarchate has issued appeal to co-religionists over the wo for contributions to meet its share the reconstruction costs. It said that less support is forthcoming the menian Church would be in danger losing the rights and privileges it enjoyed in Holy Land shrines for n ly 800 years. The Greek Orthod Patriarch had already appealed to Greek government for "befitting" nancial aid.

U.S. OPPOSES CALENDAR CHANGE

The United States opposes any chan in the present calendar, the State D partment said in a note to Dag Ha

rskjold, secretary general of the ited Nations. A new World Calen- r, proposed by India, has been re- red to member nations for study by U.N. The State Department said t any further study of the proposal uld "serve no useful purpose."

The new calendar has been strongly posed by some religious groups be- use it would mean that the Sabbath uld keep shifting. The plan divides year into four equal quarters, each ving two months of 30 days and one 31 days.

The State Department said it would t be appropriate for the U.N. to nsor any calendar change conflict- with the principles of important igious faiths.

ATHOLIC SCHOOLS TRAIN PER CENT OF NURSES

me 30 per cent of all nurses gradu- d in the United States and its ter- ories during 1954 were trained in man Catholic schools of nursing. e figure was announced in a report pared for publication in the annual ectory of the Catholic Hospital As- iation.

A total of 8,812 graduate nurses were from the 334 state-approved Catholic schools of nursing in the U.S. last year. Total enrollment in these schools is 32,247, a gain of 4.5 per cent over 1953. This compares with an increase of 3.7 per cent in the enrollment in all nursing schools of the nation, the report said.

MISSION WORK VIA TAPE RECORDINGS

RNS Photo

Dr. J. Vernon McGee, pastor of the Church of the Open Door in Los Angeles, is shown with some of the tape recordings of Bible lessons given by him which are used by mission stations in various countries and by churches and individuals in this country. With him is Dr. John L. Mitchell (right), who assists with the recordings. The recordings have been sent to mission stations in Nigeria, the Belgian Congo, Peru and other points.

SENATORS EXAMINE MODEL OF CROSS

RNS Photo

odel of a 500-foot cross, largest in the world, that will be built atop Bald Knob mountain Shawnee National Forest, near Carbondale, Illinois, is shown to the state's U. S. Senators Wayman Presley, a rural mail carrier credited with originating the idea (right). The ators are: Everett M. Dirksen (left) and Paul Douglas. The cross will be located about miles from Olney, Illinois, the center of America's population. A $3,000,000 fund drive its erection has been launched by the General Federation of Women's Clubs. It will be lt by the Bald Knob Christian Foundation, a non-denominational, non-profit organization, which Mr. Presley is executive secretary. The cross will be visible over a 7,500 square- area when illuminated at night.

WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

The Southern Baptist Convention is launching a multi-million dollar program to reach 65,000,000 unchurched Americans through radio and television. The program calls for the extension of the Baptist Hour radio program into five new metropolitan areas, the filming of a series of half-hour color television programs and the distribution of pre-tested scripts to 30,000 Southern Baptist churches for presentation of live religious telecasts on local stations. . . . The Omaha Council of Churches won a battle to keep beer from being sold in the new seven-million-dollar Municipal Auditorium when a bill before the legislature to permit the sale was withdrawn. Breweries and churches promoted letter-writing campaigns which flooded the Nebraska legislators with mail. . . . The U.S. tax court has ruled that a couple could not deduct from their income tax the expense of a trip to the Shrine at Lourdes, France, even though their daughter has been cured of cancer. The decision was given on an appeal by Mr. and Mrs. Vincent P. King of St. Louis, Mo.

Within the E.L.C.

GROUNDBREAKING IN A NEW CALIFORNIA PARISH

In the accompanying picture the Rev. A. B. Swan is shown in the act of breaking ground for the erection of a new parish hall to serve St. Timothy Church, a comparatively new congregation in Hayward, California, of which he is the pastor. The ceremony took place at the close of the morning service Feb. 20. The new structure is expected to be ready for dedication about the middle of September. The congregation now has 152 members.

DISTRICTS

Eastern

Worcester, Mass. On March 20 Highland Street Church, parish of the Rev. Philip E. Nieft, rededicated its house of worship after alterations, and also its newly rebuilt pipe organ. Alterations include a new mothers' room, changes in the vestry, refinished floors, and the laying of new carpeting. The organ has been rebuilt with electric action, involving among other things a new console. Because of much donated time the cost was kept at about $10,000.

Southern Minnesota

Glencoe, Minn. Christ Church was organized Feb. 27 in this city. It forms a parish together with rural Bergen Church. Pastor of the parish is the Rev. Nolan A. Watson.

South Central

Houston, Texas. Holy Cross Church, organized March 14, is the second ELC congregation founded in this city after World War II. The Rev. Otto E. Hesla is the pastor of Holy Cross.

Cranfills Gap, Texas. St. Olaf Church, parish of the Rev. Einar Jorgenson, had its new 20-room educational building dedicated March 13 by Dr. V. T. Jordahl, president of South Central District.

North Dakota

Edinburg, N. Dak. Rural Odalen Church, parish of the Rev. R. W. Bergeson, has had the interior of its church edifice redecorated, largely by volunteer labor by its members. The rest of the cost was defrayed by the results of a "Lord's Acre Plan" adopted in the spring of 1954, which netted $1,400 at the congregation's harvest festival Nov. 30. During the present spring season, the exterior of the church will be redecorated. The plan is to make the "Lord's Acre Plan" a yearly practice, with more of the returns going to missions. The plan provides that the proceeds be given in addition to regular weekly contributions.

Gardner, N. Dak. On March 27 St. Mark's Church was organized in this place. It forms a parish together with First Lutheran of Hunter, which formerly was a part of the Clifford-Galesburg parish. The Rev. Walter Kienberger is the pastor of the Hunter-Gardner parish, living at Hunter.

South Dakota

Kadoka, S. Dak. Faith Church Kadoka, formerly a part of the Ph parish, now forms a parish toget with a congregation lately organize Longvalley.

Pacific

Portland, Oregon. At a dinner m ing held March 21 in this city by Lutheran Men's Association of Portland area the speaker was Donald Eastvold, attorney general the state of Washington. The attor general is a son of Dr. S. C. Eastv president of Pacific Lutheran Colle Parkland, Wash.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. H. T. Egedahl

Mrs. Martha Egedahl, wife of H. T. Egedahl, pastor emeritus liv at Sedgewick, Alberta, died Feb. 18, her 76th year. She was born May 1879, in Solör, Norway and came America in 1890. In 1898 she marr J. M. Mikkelson of Minneapolis, w whom she in 1905 moved to Sed wick, Alberta. Having become a w ow in 1925, she in 1943 married H. T. Egedahl, who at that time pastor at Provost, Alberta. She is s vived by her husband and by three s and four daughters from her first m riage.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER PLACEMENT SERVICE

The Department of Christian Education is receiving applications from men and women interested in teaching vacation church school. Congregations in need of workers may write to the department at 422 South 5th Street, Minneapolis 15, Minnesota. Several persons interested in parish work for the summer months have also registered with the department.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Decorah Circuit YPLL will m April 22-24 at First Lutheran Chur Decorah, Iowa. Speakers: Pastors M. Witte and G. W. Johnson.

Wanted: 80 to 100 used Concor hymnals. Contact the Rev. Tenn Thompson, Jr., Grantsburg, Wis.

Spokane Circuit WMF will m April 19 at Lacrosse, Wash. Speak Missionary Clara Chaffin.

Wanted: Used copies of song book itable for young people's meetings. rite Mrs. Bernard Boe, Ruso, N. Dak.

Yankton Circuit WMF will meet pril 21 at Elim Church, Irene, S. ak. Speakers: Pastors Samuel Carl- n and C. G. Lygre.

Sioux City Circuit WMF will meet pril 19 at St. John Church, Sioux ty, Iowa. Speaker: Missionary R. C. hnson.

Turtle Mountain Circuit WMF will eet May 9 at Rolla, N. Dak. Speaker: e Rev. John M. Mason.

Minneapolis Circuit WMF will meet pril 25 at Lake Nokomis Church in inneapolis. Speakers: Dr. A. N. Rogss, Pastors Russell Johnson and C. Nestande, Mr. Ivan Fagre, and esdames Victor Swain and Elmer eltzin.

Sisseton Circuit WMF will meet pril 29 at Lebanon Church, Summit, Dak. Speakers: the Rev. Samuel rlsen and Miss Eleanor Bjorkman.

Austin Circuit YPLL will meet April at Spring Valley, Minn.

Olympic Circuit Choral Union will onsor the following events at Our viour's Church, Bremerton, Wash.: ay 6 at 7:30 p.m.: Church Music inic, for leaders in choir work and nday school singing and for organs. May 8 at 7:30 p.m.: Choral Union lly, demonstration of choir singing m the parishes of the circuit.

South Dakota District Pastoral Conence will meet April 12-13 at Trinity urch, Madison, S. Dak.

South Dakota District Brotherhood ll meet in convention April 23-24 at inity Church, Madison, S. Dak.

Texas Circuit WMF will meet April at Arlington, Texas. Speakers: the v. R. L. Otterstad and Mrs. Einar genson.

Park Region Circuit will meet in ring convention at Aastad Church ar Fergus Falls, Minn., April 14-15. eaker: Dr. John P. Milton.

CORRECTION

In the March 8, 1955 issue of the **theran Herald,** incorrect information s sent to the **Lutheran Herald** office the item on page 238 under "God- me-Country Award." The informan under the photo stated that a hisy of the congregation for the 70th niversary was prepared by Miss Car- Larson. A history of the Bethlehem ngregation was written by Miss Lar-, but the writing of the history for 70th anniversary should instead be dited to Mrs. Louis Roseland of wfolden, Minn.

The Placement Service

The purpose of the Placement Service is to assist in the locating of our people in communities served by the Lutheran Church. The Placement Service has not investigated the merits of the propositions advertised and assumes no responsibility in the matter. Send your ads and communications to The Placement Service of the E.L.C. New address: 422 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis 15, Minnesota.

FOR SALE

Farms

All modern 120 acre farm for sale in Beltrami Co., Minnesota. 90 acres under cultivation. Good telephone service, REA, consolidated school. 2 mi. to Lutheran Church. 408-1A

18 acres cultivated land, all fenced, for sale in Central Minnesota. Modern house, barn, garage and other buildings. REA, phone, on blacktop. 1 mi. from town of 4,000. Good school and large Lutheran church. 408-2A

160 acre farm for sale, with or without equipment, in Clearwater Co., Minn. 7 room house, barn and other out buildings. Fenced and cross fenced. Good well, REA, on mail and school bus routes. 408-3A

115 acre farm for sale in Goodhue Co., Minn. 8 room house, insulated. Barn with water cups, hen house, good granary, good well close to house. Inside city limits. 2 Lutheran churches in town. Possession in April. 408-4A

Ideal 204 acre dairy and stock farm for sale in Grant Co., Minn. Located on big highway 1 mile out of town in Lutheran community. 7 room house. Large barn with stanchions, drinking cups. Bull pen, silo, hen house, granary and other buildings. Electricity, phone. Nearby is a 196 acre farm for sale without buildings. Two together would make a very good farm. 408-5A

480 acre village grain and stock farm. Close to grade-high school and ELC church. Adjoins modern creamery. On blacktop. Good soil, REA, phone. Priced reasonable. Pennington Co., Minn. 408-6A

240 acre farm with 155 acres under cultivation for sale in Stearns Co., Minn. All modern house, excellent buildings. 4 miles from town. Price-$30,000. 408-7A

280 acre farm for sale in Lutheran Community, Buffalo Co., Wisconsin. About 70 acres of good cultivated land; more can be cleared. Running water in house, electricity. 408-8A

120 acre valley farm for sale in southern Trempealeau Co., Wisconsin. About half of land tillable. Equipped for dairying and general farming. On all weather road and school bus route. REA, hot and cold water. 4 miles from Lutheran church. 1 mile from state highway. 408-9A

Businesses

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No. 0241—The Lord is my Shepherd. Ps. 23: 1. Small rectangle, 6x4. **$1.00**

No. 0341—A Mighty Fortress is our God. Small rectangle, 6x4. **$1.00**

No. 0551—In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Large rectangle. 8x6. **$1.50**

No. 0331—Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Large circle, 6¾ inches. **$1.50**

No. 0351—What a friend we have in Jesus. Large rectangle, 8x6. **$1.50**

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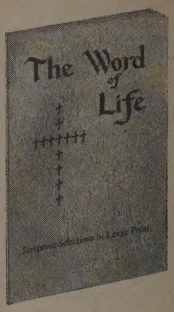

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FOR RENT

Clean quiet room for woman in SE Minneapolis. Kitchen and laundry privileges. Pensioners accepted. No smoking or drinking. 408-14B

Two rooms for rent near loop in Minneapolis. Private entrance. Partly furnished. 408-15B

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Seminary student desires furnished or unfurnished apartment in vicinity of 27th Avenue and Johnson Street NE in Minneapolis. 408-16B

POSITIONS WANTED

Registered nurse wants industrial nursing position within 100 mi. radius of Twin Cities. Will also consider superintendent of nurses in small hospital near Minneapolis. 408-17D

Woman desires position in doctor's office. Has three years' college education and experience in teaching. Would also consider hospital work as nurses aide or general filling in. 408-18D

42 year old married man, with two children, would like job maintaining telephone dial system. Experienced. 408-19E

Family man wants any kind of general work. Experienced in machine, repair and stock room work. 408-20E

Elderly man desires steady year-round employment as caretaker of lawn and other work in Old People's Home or some other institution. 408-21E

Young man with M. S. Degree in Biology and six years' teaching experience would like teaching position with a college. 408-22E

HELP WANTED

Home Economics teacher wanted in South Dakota Academy April 12 to May 27 of present year, and also for 1955-56. 408-23F

Kindergarten teacher and office secretary combination in Lutheran Elementary Day School, California. Applicant must have experience. References and photo requested. 408-24F

Parish Worker, combination office, youth work and visitation, wanted in eastern Metropolitan ELC Parish. Experienced worker preferred. 408-25F

Capable woman wanted for cleaning and general housework at a tea house in Mendota for season. Good pay. Room and board. 408-26F

Housekeeper wanted on farm in Minnesota. Good home for right party. Widow with one or two children will be considered. 408-27F

Woman wanted to cook and keep house for elderly woman in Northwestern Washington. Some practical nursing will be required. Lutheran desired. Good pay for right person. 408-28F

Skilled mechanic wanted for repair shop in small Northern Montana town. Housing available. 408-29G

Middle aged man wanted for permanent position on 130 acre farm in Wisconsin. Full line of good machinery. 408-30G

Man wanted for general farm work on 260 acre farm in Southern Minnesota. Good Christian home. 408-31G

Umegashima

(Continued from page 359)

and for the Christian to find a place for quiet and prayer.

. . . . AND REST AWHILE

Summer camps are popular, and often the only opportunity for a boy or girl to get away from home. Organizations and business firms almost always sponsor summer outings to provide a change from the busy city life.

It was after almost two years of searching and prayer that the Lord opened the door to this spot for us. We accept Umegashima as His will for a very important place of solitude for the young people of our churches, and we hope also to use it later for those who are older. Located almost in the center of our field, it is easily reached from either the Tokyo or Nagoya side.

CHAPEL AT TOP POINT

The chapel will be on the hig level overlooking the entire c ground. Below that is space enough for a softball diamond, v ball court and a dining hall. We planned six small cabins on each of the recreation ground overloo the valleys. Each cabin will house e in bunk-type beds. The traditi "ofuro" or large wooden bath tub necessity for our Japanese, and wi centrally located. Faculty quarters also included. Our dream is to ha small swimming pool fed from nearby stream through bamboo pip

On other levels we hope to ha tennis court, a place for quiet rea and prayer. A natural amphithe can be very easily constructed. T can be developed later with the hel our Japanese people.

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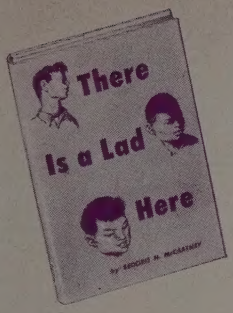

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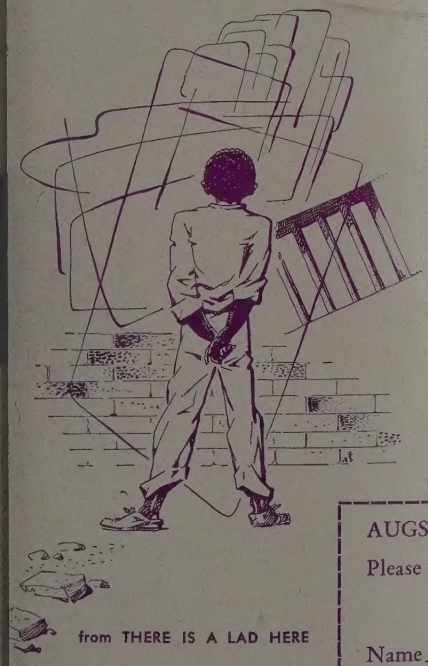

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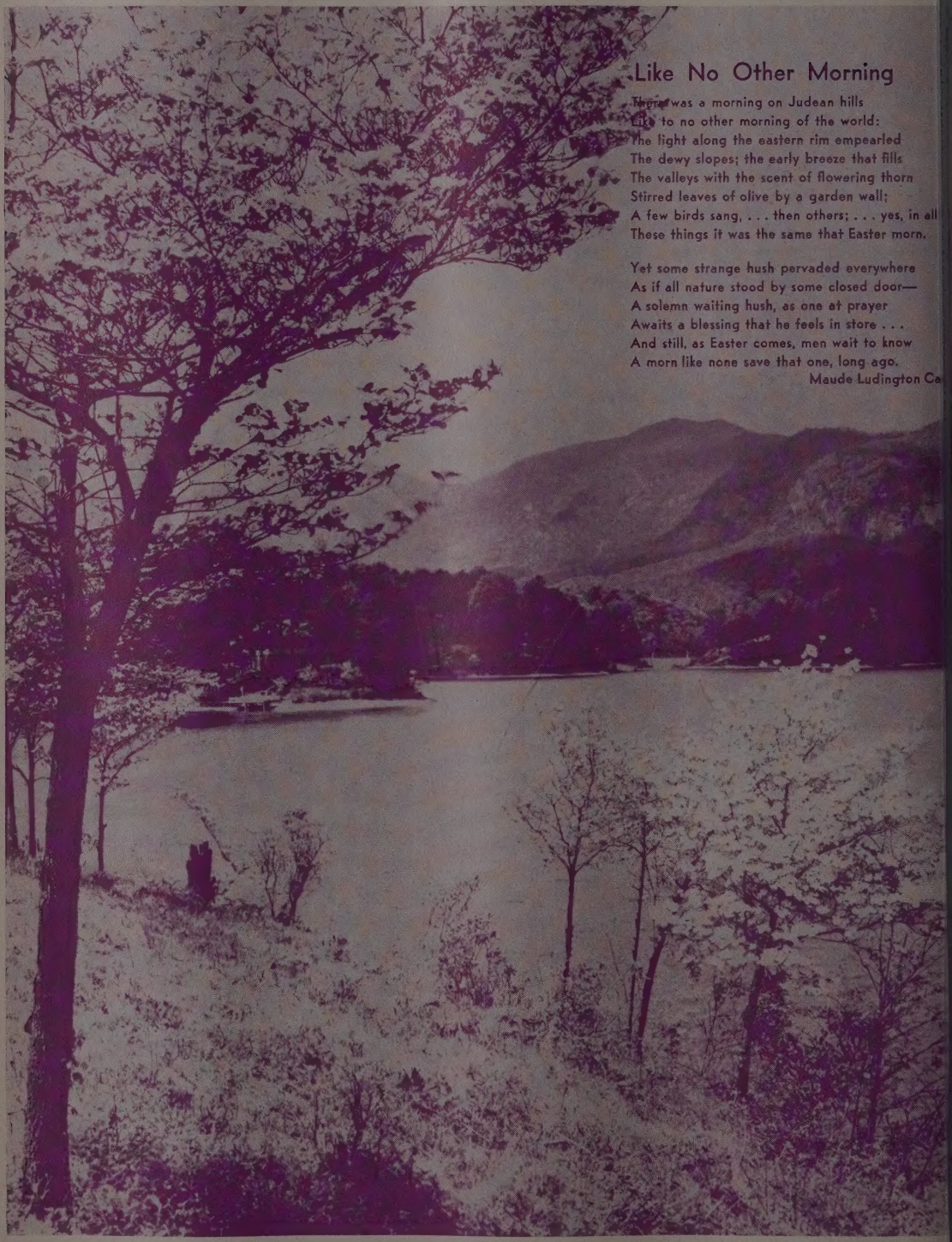

Like No Other Morning

There was a morning on Judean hills
Like to no other morning of the world:
The light along the eastern rim empearled
The dewy slopes; the early breeze that fills
The valleys with the scent of flowering thorn
Stirred leaves of olive by a garden wall;
A few birds sang, . . . then others; . . . yes, in all
These things it was the same that Easter morn.

Yet some strange hush pervaded everywhere
As if all nature stood by some closed door—
A solemn waiting hush, as one at prayer
Awaits a blessing that he feels in store . . .
And still, as Easter comes, men wait to know
A morn like none save that one, long ago.

Maude Ludington Ca